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MARINE CORPS ORDER 1640.5B

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
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Subj: STANDARDIZED PRISONER UNIFORM FOR PRETRIAL AND  
POST-TRIAL PERSONNEL CONFINED IN MARINE CORPS BRIGS

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1640.9A (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To establish procedures for wearing the standardized prisoner uniform by pretrial and post-trial prisoners confined in Marine Corps brig.

2. Cancellation. MCO 1640.5A.

3. Background. Paragraph 5201.2 of the reference authorizes CMC to implement a standardized prisoner uniform when directed service-wide.

4. Uniform Description

a. There will be two, distinct in color, standardized uniform for prisoners in Marine Corps brig. The pretrial uniform is Post Blue. The uniform for post-trial prisoners is International Orange.

b. The prisoner uniform is a three-piece uniform, consisting of a shirt, trousers, and cap.

c. The shirt and trousers are an 8 1/2-ounce weight poly-cotton blended fabric. The shirt is a long sleeve, V-neck, pullover with a left breast pocket. The trousers have an elastic waist band, mock fly front, with no pockets. All seams and hems will be triple stitched. The waist band is bound with four rows of stitching. There are no buttons on the uniform. The uniform is available in sizes small, medium, large, and X-large.

d. The cap has a solid polyester front and nylon mesh back. It has a reinforced crown and unbreakable visor with an adjustable back tab so one size fits all.

5. Policy

a. All pretrial and post-trial prisoners in all custody grades, to include installation custody, shall wear the standardized prisoner uniform.

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b. Replenishment of prisoner uniforms shall be the responsibility of the local commands. Shirts and trousers may be procured through the Federal Prison Industries, Incorporated (UNICOR), Washington, DC, (202) 508-8452, ask for Textiles. Caps may be replenished through local purchase.

c. The prisoner uniform will be worn with boots, bloused. During winter months, gray sweat shirts and/or white long johns may be worn under the prisoner uniform. The green sateen field jacket is authorized for wear with the prisoner uniform.

d. The prisoner uniforms will be marked "Brig" using 1-inch letters with indelible, black ink. The shirt will be marked inside and centered, 1-inch below the neck band. The trousers will be marked 1-inch below the waist band on the outside rear. Shirts and trousers will be marked with their sizes below the "Brig" marking.

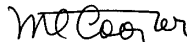
e. Any change in the color or style of prisoner uniforms is strictly prohibited.

f. The prisoner uniforms will be worn to all activities with the exception of courts-martial, civil hearings, and when being transferred to other confinement facilities, at which time the appropriate seasonal uniform or civilian attire, dependent on discharge status, shall be worn.

g. This Order is not applicable to Marine Corps prisoners confined at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, KS.

6. Action. CO's of Marine Corps brigades are directed to ensure the provisions of this Order are being implemented.

7. Reserve Applicability. This Order is not applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.



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